venture partners in the India Company providing such services in Assam and North-East Telecom Circle as given in the Statement (*See* below).

Statement

List of Major Multinationals which have been issued Licences to provide Telecom Services in North-East and Assam Telecom Circles.

Multinational/Foreign Company	Indian Joint Venture Company	Service	Area
Nynex Internatinal Mauritius	Reliance Telecom Pvt. Ltd.	Cellular Mobile Telephone Services	Assam North-East Telecom Circles
1. Mobile Telecom, Mauritius 2. PCM (Mauritius), Mauritius 3. Telesystem Pvt. Ltd., Mauritius	Hexacom	Cellular Mobile Telephone Service	NE Telecom Circle
Easy Call Communications, Philippines	Easy Call Communications (India) Pvt. Ltd.,	Radio Paging Service	Assam and North East Telecom Circle
PTT Telecom, Netherlands	Netherland India Communications	Radio Paging Service	Assam Telecom. Circle

Demand of Public STD Phones in Andhra Pradesh

*524. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total demand for public STD phones in Andhra Pradesh, presently;

(b) the number of applications pending presently alongwith the number of applications expected to be cleared in 1998-99;

(c) the number of applications pending in West Godavari district; and

(d) by when they will be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) The demand for STD PCOs in addition to the presently working in Andhra Pradesh in 35255.

(b) The number of pending applications in Andhra Pradesh is 35255 out of which 6000 are expected to be cleared during 1998-99.

(c) 1385.

(d) The applications in West Godavari are expected to be cleared by March, 2000.

Optical Fibre Cable in Vizianagaram District

525. SHRI V. KISHORE CHANDRA S. DEO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the laying of optical fibre cable to Kurupam and G.I. Puram in Vizianagaram districts has been sanctioned;

(b) if so, the time by which the work will be completed;

(c) whether the digital equipment and all other accessories pertaining to the said work has been despatched; and